



Rodriquez M. Wilkinson

December 16, 1949 - August 5, 2024

Beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather, Rodriquez Monroe Wilkinson, peacefully joined the Lord in Glory on August 5, 2024, at Deer's Head Hospital Center in Salisbury, MD. Known as "Ronnie" by family and friends, he was born on December 16, 1949.

Ronnie grew up in a large family with 7 brothers and sisters, moving around Delmarva many times throughout his younger years. He attended Mardela Middle and High School and loved playing soccer. Ronnie worked various jobs over the years but spent most of his later life working as a truck driver with several oil and gas companies on Delmarva. Some of his favorite times working were spent pumping barges overnight on the Wicomico River and chatting with the dispatchers.

Ronnie married the love of his life, Diana Gail Reddish, in 1983, and for over 41 years they built a wonderful life with their children. Ronnie's children and grandchildren were the glimmer in his unforgettable blue eyes.

Some of Ronnie's favorite pastimes were watching NASCAR, spending time with his dog Spike (he was never without a furry companion), playing solitaire, visiting his children's homes, eating Thrashers French Fries, and enjoying Sunday breakfast out on the town with his wife. He also enjoyed participating in activities with his friends at Deer's Head.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman Russell Wilkinson and Miriam Gibbs Wilkinson, and his siblings, Clarence Lee Wilkinson, Pat Scribner, Norman Wilkinson, Troy Wilkinson, Delores Wilkinson, and Deborah

Banhegyi.

Left to cherish memories of him, including his wife, are children Robert Wilkinson (Tracy), Danah Artis (DeVon), Roni Gail Williams (Glenn), and Dean Wilkinson (Kelly Valin). His sister Denise Shrewsbury and special niece Julie Humphrey (David). His grandchildren are Robert, Matthew, and Ryan Wilkinson, and Gabriela and Giavanna Artis. Sister and brother-in-law Linda and Donald Shockley. Brother-in-law Jeffrey Reddish and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to offer their sincere gratitude to the staff and residents who were more like family at Deer's Head Hospital Center. We will truly miss your friendship and dedication to caring for Ronnie in his final years.

No public funeral services will be offered in keeping with Ronnie's wishes. In memory of Ronnie, please consider donating to the volunteers and activities of Deer's Head Hospital Center who make the residents lives more enjoyable.

Please visit www.shortfh.com to send online condolences to the family.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home, Delmar.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am going to miss you, buddy!! Even though I only had the pleasure of knowing you 3 years, it was truly an honor. You kept your wits, sense of humor, and spunk until the end, and will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved you. I still cannot believe you are gone. Rest easy, my friend.

John Collier - August 14, 2024 at 09:27 AM

TE

“ So sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. He and Dink will be pumping barges in heaven!
Ronnie was one of a kind and could always be counted on.
Condolences to your family.

Tim Emge - August 12, 2024 at 08:22 AM

SB

“ It was a sincere joy to have Ronnie in all of our programs. He truly was the "life of the party." I was honored to be a co-conspirator in his shenanigans and I loved every moment we shared. He was such a man of faith and he loved hard and I loved being a witness to all of that. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I loved him and all of us are going to miss him.

Shelli Beers - August 11, 2024 at 10:26 AM

LL

“ Love Leeka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodriquez M. Wilkinson.

Love Leeka - August 08, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ Love Leeka purchased the *Light Remains Tribute Blanket* for the family of Rodriquez M. Wilkinson.



Love Leeka - August 08, 2024 at 05:34 PM

CH

“ So very sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. Lots of fond memories and laughs working with Ronnie over the years. All of you are in my prayers.

Cindy Hastings - August 08, 2024 at 10:17 AM

KK

“ Sincere condolence's to Mrs. Wilkinson and family . It was an honor to know Ronnie!
Kim Keosian

Kim Keosian - August 08, 2024 at 07:59 AM

VP

“ Thoughts and prayers to Ronnie's entire family during this difficult time.



Vince Pavic - August 07, 2024 at 11:37 AM